Dear ____________,

As a genetics professional in your local community, I would like to tell you about a program development by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) to provide teachers and students with direct access to the scientific community and genetics resources.

As the leading human genetics professional society worldwide, ASHG advocates for genetics education literacy and the participation of scientists in K-12 science education outreach. Developed to give teachers and students the opportunity to discuss genetics concepts and their many medical and ethical implications with experts, the Genetics Education Outreach Network consists of nearly 650 members of the genetics scientific and counseling community nationwide. Through the GEON website, teachers can search online for a genetics mentor in their region and/or by an area of specialty. GEON members are interested in all different types of outreach, and have previously judged science fairs, mentored students, facilitated lesson plans, and helped celebrate DNA Day in the classroom.

As a GEON member in your area, I would like to offer my help and expertise to you and your students. I would be happy to speak with your class about any concepts which may be confusing or of interest, and enjoy assisting with hands-on genetics lesson plans. If I can be of any help to you or your students, please contact me at __________ or by email at __________. I look forward to talking with you and providing any assistance I can to aid your efforts in teaching genetics.

Sincerely,